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In re the Application of: **Takashi SHINZAKI**

Group Art Unit: 2135

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Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003 for one month from March 30, 2004 to April 30, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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